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## Carter: helping poor could unite Baptists

**In an address** to Southern Seminary's graduating class, former President Jimmy Carter urged his fellow Southern Baptists to find unity by focusing on the needs of poor people.

The Southern Baptist Convention will never heal its rift through theological or philosophical debate, Carter told 238 graduates May 22: "But I think all Baptists, regardless of ultraconservatism or extreme liberalism or fundamentalists or moderates, can find common ground in dealing church by church, believer by believer, minister by minister with the poorest among us whom we now rarely know."

Southern Baptists used to be known as "dynamic missionaries for Christ," Carter said. However, in recent years, when he has identified himself as a Southern Baptist, "it's treated as something of a joke," he said, adding that the denomination is now associated with schism and division.

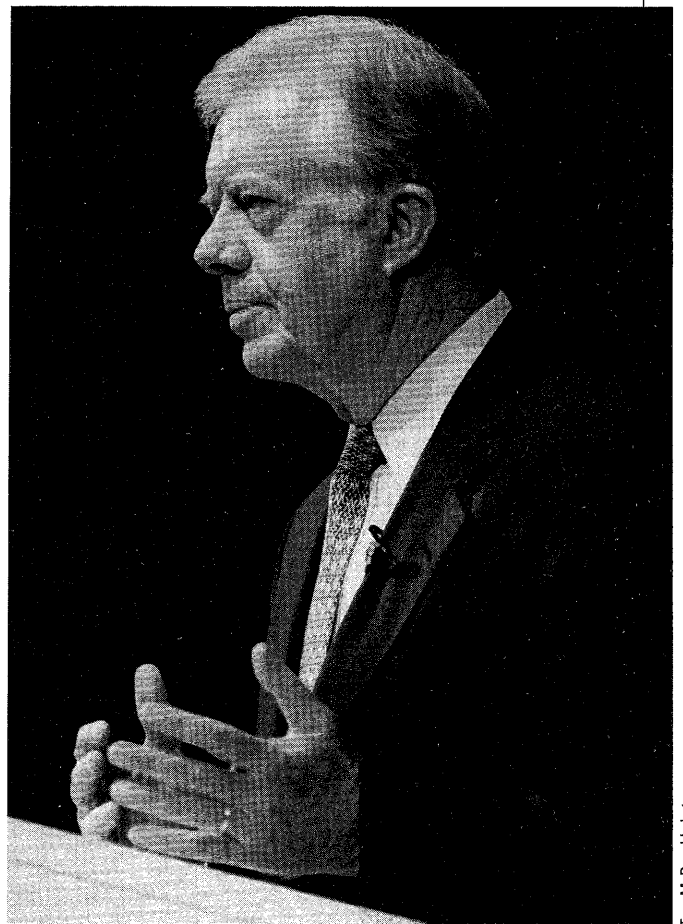
Southern's 169th commencement was moved off-campus to the Kentucky Center for the Arts in downtown Louisville to accommodate the crowd of 2,250 people. The graduates included Dan Ariail, Carter's pastor at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Ga., who received the doctor of ministry degree. Carter is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Maranatha. Carter's wife, Rosalynn, and several other members of Maranatha attended commencement.

Carter decried the discrimination that exists against poor people: "Discrimination because of race, because of religion are very important, but I think the main discrimination that

afflicts us, and indeed the entire world these days, is the discrimination of rich people against poor people."

"Who are rich people?" he asked. "Everyone in this room is a rich person. A rich person is someone who has a home, who has a family and you know where they are, who has a modicum of education, a decent chance for a job, enough to eat, some degree of health care, some hope for the future. You believe that the police are on your side. You believe if you make a decision it will make a difference at least in your own life."

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**EQUALITY ADVOCATE:** Former President Jimmy Carter said discrimination against poor people is the primary form of discrimination today.

## FACULTY FOCUS

### SPEAKING

#### District of Columbia

**Milburn Price**, dean of School of Church Music, lecture on "The Influence of Popular Culture on Hymnody," Hymn Society in the United States and Canada's annual conference, July 8.

**Paul Richardson**, assoc. prof. of church music, workshop and worship leader, Hymn Society of America's annual conference, July 5-9.

#### Kentucky

**John P. Dever**, prof. of church and community, revival at Bethlehem BC, Aug. 6-9.

**Charles Bugg**, Carl Bates prof. of Christian preaching, revivals at FBC, Simpsonville, Sept. 13-16, and FBC, Shepherdsville, Sept. 20-23.

#### Tennessee

**John P. Dever**, lecture, Union University Pastors'

Conference, Jackson, July 14.

#### Virginia

**Maurice Hinson**, Carolyn King Ragan prof. of church music, lecture and recital, Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, Winchester, July 21-22.

**Mary Alice Seals**, asst. prof. of church music, and church music instr. **Sherrie Lawhon** will sing at Fredericksburg BC, July 26, accompanied by church music instr. **Dan Lawhon**.

#### Overseas

**David F. D'Amico**, Billy Graham prof. of evangelism, professor at Baptist Lay Academy, Budapest, Hungary, July 26-Aug. 8.

**Milburn Price**, lectures, National Symposium of Brazilian Baptist Musicians, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 30-Aug. 1.

### RECITALS

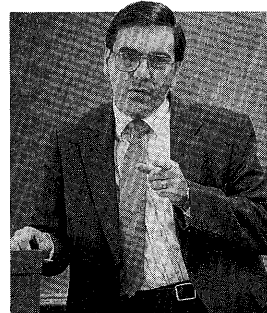
**Maurice Hinson**, First BC, Washington, Ga., July 12.

**Ron Boud**, Bon Air BC, Richmond, Va., Aug. 23; He will tour with Kentucky Baptist Convention All-State Youth Choir July 12-19.

### PUBLICATIONS

**Penrose St. Amant**, sr. prof. of church history, chapter on "Sermon Illustrations from Augustine of Hippo" in *Sermon Illustrations From Church History*.

**Glen Stassen**, prof. of Christian ethics, excerpts of his book *Just Peacemaking: Transforming Initiatives for Justice and Peace in Sojourners, Evangelicals for Social Action, Baptists Today, World Peacemaker and Baptist Center for Ethics Newsletter*.



**Craig A. Loscalzo**

### HONORS

*Talking to the World in the Days to Come* by **Robert Hughes**, assoc. prof. of communication and mass media, has been listed among the top 10 books of

### Professors named to chairs at Southern

Trustees elected five current professors to chairs during the board's April meeting.

Named to chairs were **John P. Dever**, William Walker Brookes prof. of church and community; **J. Phillip Landgrave**, V. V. Cooke prof. of church music; **John B. Polhill**, James Buchanan Harrison prof. of New Testament; **Thomas G. Smothers**, Donald L. Williams prof. of Old Testament; and **Marvin E. Tate**, John R. Sampey prof. of Old Testament.

Trustees also approved promotions of church social work prof. **Patricia L. Bailey** and Christian preaching prof. **Craig A. Loscalzo** from assistant to associate professor. In addition, they approved the promotion of **Jon W. Rainbow**, who has been teaching church social work as an assistant professor, to assoc. prof. of Christian education.

the year by the Academy of Parish Clergy. It has also been nominated for a Gold Medallion Award in the missions/evangelism category by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

**Craig A. Loscalzo**, asst. prof. of Christian preaching, has been named editor of *The Journal of the American Academy of Ministry*.

### ETCETERA

**Henlee Barnette**, emeritus prof. of Christian ethics, was recognized during a chapel service by the presentation of a festschrift published in his honor by Mercer University Press. Barnette was then honored at a luncheon by his former students and fellow Southern Baptist ethicists.

**Wayne Dehoney**, sr. prof. of Christian preaching, will lead a Foreign Mission Board Partnership to the Ukraine June 19-22. This marks his sixth missions trip to the former Soviet Union during the past two years.

**G. Willis Bennett**, sr. prof. of church and community, and his wife, Caroline, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 14.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Helen Poarch Barnette**, wife of emeritus prof. of Christian ethics, Henlee H. Barnette, died April 26 following a long battle with cancer. Barnette, 60, was a public school teacher. She earned the Ed.D. degree from Southern in 1987.

### Allen will leave Southern faculty

**Loyd Allen**, assoc. prof. of church history, will begin duties this fall as chairman of the religion department at Mississippi College.

Allen, a faculty member since 1989, previously taught at Brewton-Parker College. He holds degrees from the University of Montevallo and Southern Seminary.

The seminary anticipates hiring a third person for the church history department to join Charles Scalise and newly-elected professor Timothy Weber.

### CARTER APPEALS FOR UNITY

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Churches have done little to help the poor, he said: "I'll tell you this, and you won't like it. Politicians do a lot more to end discrimination against the poor than churches do."

Poor people are wrongly stigmatized as being lazy and without ambition, said Carter. As a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, he said he has helped build houses alongside poor people who "are just as intelligent, just as hardworking, just as ambitious and love their kids just as much as I do."

During the past six months, Carter has helped initiate a project through the Carter Center at Emory University to aid poverty-stricken areas of Atlanta, he said.

In these communities, young boys get esteem from their peers by owning a semiautomatic weapon, said Carter. Pregnancy among sixth grade girls is not uncommon, he said, noting that "pimps and drug pushers" exploit them sexually.

"It's a world we do not know, but it's a world... through Christ we should know intimately," Carter stressed.